

HOUSE No. 284

By Mr. Murphy of Burlington, petition of Charles A. Murphy relative to increasing the number of members on the retirement board of the Water Resources Authority. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO INCREASING THE NUMBER OF BOARD MEMBERS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT BOARD.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 32 Section 20, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edi-
2 tion, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection 4 7/8C para-
3 graph (a) the following subsection:—
4 (47/8 D) (a) The contributory retirement system established for
5 the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority under the provi-
6 sions of section 1 to 28, inclusive, shall be known as, and all of its
7 business shall be transacted under the name of, the “Massachu-
8 setts Water Resources Authority Employees’ Retirement System.”
9 (b) Said system shall be managed by a retirement board which
10 shall have the general powers and duties set forth in subdivision
11 (5) of this section. Said board shall consist of 5 members as
12 follows: the secretary of the Authority who shall be a member ex
13 officio, a second member appointed by the appointing authority of
14 the authority, a third and fourth member who shall be elected by
15 the members in or retired from service of such system from
16 among their number in such manner and for such term, not
17 exceeding 3 years, and a fifth member who shall not be an
18 employee, retiree or official of the government unit and who shall
19 be appointed by the other four members for a term of 3 years.
20 Future elections of the third and fourth members shall be held
21 under the supervision of such retirement board and the term of the

22 third and fourth members shall be so arranged so as not to expire
23 in the year of expiration of the term of the fifth member. If a fifth
24 member is not chosen by the other four members within 30 days
25 after the expiration of the term of the fifth member, the Public
26 Employee Retirement Commission Administration shall appoint a
27 fifth member for a term of 3 years. Each member of such retire-
28 ment board shall continue to hold office until the expiration of his
29 term and until the qualification of his successor. Upon the expira-
30 tion of the term of office of any elected or appointed member or in
31 case of a vacancy in either of said offices, his successor shall be
32 elected or appointed as aforesaid for a 3 year term or for the unex-
33 pired portion thereof, as the case may be, except that in no event
34 shall the term of the third and fourth member expire in the same
35 year as the term of the fifth member.

36 (c) Retirement Board Members Compensation. — The elected
37 and appointed members of the MWRA Retirement Board upon the
38 acceptance of the MWRA Board of Directors, shall receive a
39 stipend of \$3,000 per annum; provided, however, that said stipend
40 shall be paid from such funds under the control of said board as
41 shall be determined by the public employee retirement administra-
42 tion; and, provided further, that the ex-officio member of the
43 MWRA Retirement Board upon the acceptance of the appropriate
44 legislative body shall receive a stipend of not more than \$3,000
45 per annum in the aggregate for services rendered in the active
46 administration of the retirement system.